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*Ms. Patty Richardson
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*Ms. Renata Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Now that the federal government has finally settled its long antitrust case against Microsoft, I hope the states still involved with the suit will do the same. It is time for consumers to come together and move the economy and our country in a positive direction - a forward and economically strong direction.

*The settlement's provisions protect Microsoft's ability to continue to be innovative and, this hopefully, will revitalize competition and the technology industry for the betterment of us all. Consumers and investors will reap the benefits of this settlement and this should help to get the engines running toward a healthy and prosperous economic stance.
Thank you for your consideration.*

Sincerely,

Patty Richardson